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SUBJECT: W/W FRANK GOULD

REF: STATE 167976

1. DEPTOFFS MET WITH PROFESSOR GOULD AND HIS CONGRESSMAN
(REP. JAMES BLANCHARD OF MICH.) JULY 29 TO DISCUSS CASE OF
GOULD'S MISSING SON FRANK. BLANCHARD SAID HE IS INTERESTED
IN CASE NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT INVOLVES CONSTITUENT BUT BE-
CAUSE IT RELATES TO PROBLEM OF MISSING AMERICANS RECENTLY
SUBJECT OF FASCELL SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS. BLANCHARD SAID
HE IS SUBMITTING STATEMENT ON CASE OBTAINED FROM PROF.
GOULD FOR INSERTION IN RECORD OF HEARINGS.

2. DEPTOFFS WENT OVER PROGRESS IN CASE TO DATE AND PLANS
FOR FOLLOWING UP REMAINING LEADS AS DESCRIBED REFTEL.

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BLANCHARD INDICATED GENERAL SATISFACTION AND EXPRESSED
PLEASURE THAT STATE DEPARTMENT NOT "DROPPING CASE." HE
INDICATED INTENTION TO WRITE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR
ROMUALDEZ TO URGE GOP SUPPORT FOR EMBASSY EFFORTS. DEPT-
OFFS AGREED THIS MIGHT BE HELPFUL BUT URGED HIM TO LIMIT
LETTER TO GENERAL APPEAL AND NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF LATEST
INFORMATION FROM COTABATO IN VIEW OF SOURCE SENSITIVITY.

BLANCHARD AGREED WITH THIS SUGGESTION.

3. PROF. GOULD (WHO CONTACTED OTHER INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON) ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD TAKE FOLLOWING STEPS IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED REFTEL, AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ASK ADMIRAL ESPALDON IF HE COULD ARRANGE RETURN OF PAPERS, INCLUDING FIRST CHAPTER OF FRANK GOULD'S BOOK ON MUSLIMS, WHICH, ACCORDING FRANK, WERE TAKEN FROM HIM BY AUTHORITIES IN ZAMBOANGA WHEN THEY DETAINED HIM BRIEFLY ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 12, 1974 (SEE PROF. GOULD LETTER OF MAY 11 TO MRS. CARTER).

(B) CONTACT LT. CRISTINO DACUYCUY, WHO, ACCORDING PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES, WAS IN CHARGE OF DETACHMENT AT KABACAN IN SEPTEMBER 1974, AND WAS REPORTEDLY ON "GOOD TERMS" WITH FRANK DURING PERIOD OF HIS STAY WITH MISSIONARY PAUL VAN BUREN, TO SEE IF DACUYCUY CAN COMMENT FURTHER ON FRANK'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. DEPT-OFFS SAID EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THESE POINTS AS POSSIBLE.

4. SEPTTEL CONTAINS REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR REGARDING CHECK OF SABAH IMMIGRATION RECORDS. CHRISTOPHER

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